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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

B. William Baumeister

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 72-156 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 72-79 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 80-156 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 147-150 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 147 recites that the claim depends from claim 64 in the preamble. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 64 has been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. Claims 80-156 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vriens '753 and the other prior art references previously made of record for the reasons previously set forth by the Examiner.

- a. Regarding the claims setting forth an emission wavelength of 390 to 420 nm, exclusive of 390 nm (e.g., claim 80) see Vriens expressly stating the emission wavelength should be above (i.e., longer than) 390 nm (e.g., col. 7, lines 1-).
- b. Regarding the claims setting forth the narrower emission wavelength ranges of 400 nm (as opposed to 390 nm) to 420 nm (e.g., claims 151-156), Vriens statement that

the wavelength should be longer than 390 nm is either a disclosure sufficient to read on wavelengths within the 400-420 range, or alternatively at least renders wavelengths within that range obvious. This is because the purpose of Vriens is to employ borderline UV/blue that do not possess the problems associated with the emission of UV wavelengths shorter than 390 nm (e.g., UV damage to the encapsulant and human eye, col. 5, lines 10-15), while still being of a wavelength sufficiently short(/invisible or quasi-invisible) so as to enable the ultimate emission of blue light from blue-emitting phosphors. Restated, Vriens is directed towards LEDs that emit quasi-visible to visible violet, having the wavelength range of about 390 nm to 455 nm. As such, the choice of any specific wavelength within 400 – 420 nm would not produce any unexpected results; but rather would have constituted a mere optimization of design results based upon conventional considerations. These conventional considerations included: whether it is desired that the primary wavelength be visible or borderline visible; what particular re-emission wavelengths were desired; and what the specific wavelength absorption cross-sections are associated with the then-available phosphors or downconverting materials that produced these desired secondary colors.

c. Regarding the claims now directed towards LCD applications (e.g., claims 149 and 150), insofar as definite, see e.g., Vriens at col. 4, line 30.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 7/19/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive for the reasons set forth previously and hereinabove.

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Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to B. William Baumeister whose telephone number is (571) 272-1722. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

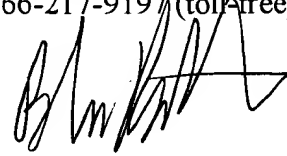
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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